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For: AUTOMATIC RATE RESPONSE SENSOR MODE SWITCH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment for substantive examination on the merits.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3 as follows:

1. An automatic rate response sensor mode switch implemented in a medical device comprising:

a plurality of integrated sensors coupled to a medical device; means for testing a status of said plurality of integrated sensors; and

for a one of said plurality of integrated sensors that fails said testing, means for isolating the one of said plurality of integrated sensors and for switching the coupling of the sensors to the medical device so that said one of the plurality of integrated sensors is decoupled from said medical device.